## REPORTS TELL OF **GERMAN VICTORY**

**Enormous Number of Prisoners** Said to Have Been Taken in Poland.

### COMMANDER IN DISGRACE

Russian Cavalry Leader, Rennenkampff, Reported Relieved From Command-Germans Foiled in Attempt to Cross Yser-Reichstag Votes Large War Credit-London Hears of Capture of De Wet.

London, Dec. 4 .- The German forces in Poland have turned and are now taking the offensive against the Russlans on a new front.

While both official reports indicate that the fighting in this war area is quieting down, there are persistent unofficial reports that the great battle, terly.

That the Russian check is complete is admitted by persons who are in touch with military authorities.

Germans Take 80,000 Prisoners. The Germans assert that in the recent maneuvers they have captured \$0,000 unwounded prisoners.

In the face of these claims by the Germans the Russians insist, in a statement issued through Rome, that their captures greatly exceed this num-

All agree that the losses on both sides have been heavy.

It became known here early this morning that the Russian failure to Germans at Lodz was caused by the tardiness of General Rennenkampff, weapon, which is exceedingly well the Russian cavalry leader. He was two days late, reports say.

As a result of not arriving on time the general has been relieved of his command, a Petrograd dispatch says. Tardiness Makes Coup Fail.

The failure of the Russian coup is described by the Petrograd correspondent of the London Post as follows:

"General Rennenkampff, whose late place robbed the strategic scheme of the grand Juke of its complete success a week ago, has been superseded in his command.

"Owing to this army coming into position a couple of days after the time | ment: set the ring of steel which should have hemmed in the German armies entirely could not be closed, with the result that a week of heavy nghting, with the hurrying up of large re-enforcements by the Germans, followed.

Germans Turn on Czar's Men.

"The Germans, re-enforced, attacked the Russian left on Sunday. The attack was continued with great determination on Monday, the fighting occupying the entire day. The Russians were prepared for this outflanking movement on their left.

"On Sunday these new German forces crossed the Warthe river at Sieradz, where two bridges carrying the railway line and highway facilitated the crossing, and advanced by rail and road toward Lask. The Rustil they had reached a convenient locality south of Sieradz, where the River Warthe has a sharp bend.

Good Roads Ald Russians. "From Lask, which is cut by the railway, run also a half-dozen good of interior lines, while the Germans

had only the railway embankment. "The vanguard of the Russian force met and stopped the advance on Monday, fighting stubbornly the whole day, while other troops were brought up by road and rall to cope with the new direction of the German attack.

Russian Hold Foe Back.

"Eighteen miles south of Lask the Russians on Monday completed the which had moved up from Wielun.

"When the fighting was over for the day the Germans remained in occupation of Szczercow. On Monday the holding this neighborhood was a brithe Russians. The German attack in enormous strength upon the Russian left has thus falled.

"The Russian center is still occupied in hammering the surrounded corps into surrender by heavy cannonading, the Orange River Colony. which has already continued for a couple of days."

Petrograd Report.

Petrograd, Dec. 4.-General von Hindenburg is still striving his utmost to retrieve the situation in Russian Poland by greatly strengthening his forces across the southern end of the German position. It is believed he has brought six corps, aggregating 200,000 men, into the 50-mile gap from Sieradz downwards to Czenstochowa, each corps extending about eight

mixture of Austrians, as the narrow of the reign of Emperor Francis Jogauge German railway line to Kalish men daily upon the frontier. It has the war, his generals report one of been working at full capacity for a the most important successes they forinight, but the great bulk of Ger have obtained.

man troops from the west was brought on the broad gauge railway line to Pleschen. Thence they marched 20 miles to the frontier, with six days of beavy marching across a trackless country before reaching the Warthe river. These are the only two sources comparative," open for the movement substantial re-enforcements.

AGAIN FAIL TO CROSS YSER

German Attempt Reported Repulsed by the Allies After Most Severe Fighting.

London, Dec. 4.-Another desperate attempt of the Germans to break to Ypres has failed.

With the weather moderated the Germans, heavily re-enforced, yesterday attempted to cross the flooded waters of the Yser on rafts.

They selected a time just before dawn to make the venture. The rafts were punted through the shallow waters in dead silence and utter darkness. Each raft carried from fifty to sixty men and mitrailleuses. A further fleet of rafts drawn by motor boats was waiting on the German side of the muddy waters, but before dawn they were discovered, and at daybreak still undecisive, is progressing bit the artillery of the allies met the advancing Germans with devastating effect.

Germans Give Up Attempt. Despite their losses the Germans bravely essayed the crossing, partially covered by a cannonade of their field artillery, and until midday persisted in

their plans. Several of the rafts were upset in midstream by the French guns and great numbers of Germans were drowned as well as shot. The attempt to cross eventually was given up, but the artillery kept up a determined bombardment of the allied positions and

met with a vigorous reply.

The Germans have withdrawn their surround and decisively defeat the heavy artillery on account of the muddy country and brought up a new adapted to the changed nature of the warfare.

Numbers of light guns with a range of seven kilometers have been mounted on motor lorries, which have been fitted with large springs, which are arranged in a manner to keep the gun steady while it is being fired and to break the recoil.

The guns may be moved speedly on arrival with his army at the appointed [ roads which would be impassable to

heavier ones German Statement Brief. Berlin, via Wireless to London, Dec. -Today's official statement was limited to the following brief announce-

"In neither theater of the war has anything of importance happened."

### **VOTE IMMENSE WAR CREDIT**

Members of the Reichstag Almost Unanimously Agree to Provide Funds for Conflict.

Berlin, Dec. 2.-With only one dissenting vote, that of Herr Liebknecht, socialist, the reichstag today voted a new war credit of \$1,250,000,000.

The president of the chamber at the opening of the sitting dwelt in a speech on the unity and patriotism of the German people and commented appreciatively on the large number of members of the reichstag who are now | year of 1913-14. serving at the front.

Says Japan Sought Booty In his exposition of the progress of

the war the president said: "Japan joined our enemies from a desire to seize as booty the monument to German culture in the far East. On the other hand, we have found an highways, three in the direction of ally in Turkey, as all the Moslem peo-Fanwitz, to the northwest, west and ple wish to throw off the English yoke southwest. They served the Russians and shatter the foundations of Engadmirably, giving them the advantage land's colonial power. Under the banner of our army and our fleet we will continue.'

### REPORT CAPTURE OF DE WET

News Received at London, If Authentic, Means the End of the Boer Rebellion.

London, Dec. 2.-Gen. Christian de Wet, leader of the rebellion in the good work reported to have 'een be Union of South Africa, has been capgun on Sunday when they repulsed a tured, according to a Pretoria official flank attack of new German forces, dispatch to the Reuter Telegraph company.

General de Wet rose to fame as commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces in the South Af-Russians cleared them out and then rican war. Starting as a burgher in discovered that among the forces the Heilbron command, he later was appointed commandant at Ladysmith gade of Prussian guards with five bat- and was sent to relieve General teries. Szczercow is now occupied by Cronje as second in command. When General Cronje surrendered, De Wet was made commander-in-chief.

He was one of the signatories of the peace conference after the war and Ernest Kemper to succeed them. later was minister of agriculture in

General de Wet at the outbreak of the present war offered a corps of South African scouts to Lord Kitchener. Later he protested against the non-combatants in Europe from Dec. action of the Union of South Africa in fighting the Germans and took the field against the British forces

Austrians Occupy Belgrade. London, Dec. 2.-Belgrade, which until the outbreak of the war was the capital of Servia, today was occupied by Austrian troops, the Servians hav

ing evacuated the city. Thus, on the sixty-sixth anniversary seph, who again is reported seriously can throw only about eight thousand ill, four months after the outbreak of

German Aviator Describes Attack Bombs on English Troops in Vicinity of Dunkirk.

A German aviator, writing from the tront, says: "Yesterday an observa-tion flight took me to Dunkirk, where were landing. On the return flight through the southern part of glum to Lille we made important Many similar coveries, which, for obvious rea- bravery are told.

LAUDS PLUCK OF OFFICER | sons, I am not able to tell you. Unortunately my military observer Lieutenant Sch-, was wounded. At Poperinghe we got into infantry fire and he was shot in the right leg. was untouched. Sch-turned unconcernedly to me and said: 'I'm hit.'

swered, 'but if you can, keep on tak ng observations.' He did so, and nov the brave fellow is lying in the hos-

Many similar stories of splendid

# RATE PLEA RESULT IS STILL IN DOUB

TIME REQUIRED FOR VALUATION MAY FORCE SOME TEM-PORARY ACTION.

### WILL TAKE OVER FOUR YEARS

through the allies' lines from Dixmude State and National Commission Co-Operating to Ascertain Physical Valuation of Missouri Railroad Property.

Jefferson City. There is considerable speculation here as to what action the public serv ice commission will take on the application of the railroads for higher freight and passenger rates.

Outside of statements by President E. F. Bush of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system and Judge O M. Spencer of the Burlington regarding the general depression due to insufficient revenues, the hearing so far has been confined to inquiries by the commission as to methods in keeping their accounts and apportioning receipts and expenditures.

In dealing with controversies over utility rates in the past, where no agreement could be effected by the parties concerned, the commission has first ordered a physical valuation of the property involved. To follow this plan with regard to the railroads would require much time. The com mission now is co-operating with the interstate commerce commission on physical valuation of railroad property in Missouri for rate-making pur poses.

It is estimated that this task cannot be completed in less than four years, but the commission hardly could leave the railroad problem unsolved that long without at least maksome temporary orders.

Corporations Pay Tax.

More than 250 corporations in Missouri whose charters were suspended Oct. 2 because they had not paid their license tax have decided to resume business and have paid the reinstatement fee and penalty amounting to \$11 each, which goes into the good roads fund

There are now 13.213 corporations whose charters and licenses are in force by reason of compliance with the provisions of the corporations registration law.

Of this number, 12,405 registered during July, while the \$5 registration fee was n force; 558 registered during August and September, paying the \$10 registration fee, effective during these months. On Oct. 2 between 1,200 and 1,500 corporations that had failed to register were certified to recorders of deeds of the various coun-

ties of the state as suspended. Since Jan. 1, the corporation registration and reinstatement fees collected and turned into the state treasury by Secretary of State Cornelius Roach amount to \$70,355, about \$6,000 less than the fees collected for the

Colonization Men Named.

Gov. Major appointed the following delegates to the National Congress for the Colonization of the South, to be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.

Rabbi Leon Harrison, Archbishop John J. Glennon, Rev. James W. Lee, Rev. William J. Williamson, Samuel A. Hughes, Col. James M. Seibert, Fred D. Gardner, Thomas H. Francis and W. E. Barnes of St. Louis; Rev. John Adrian of Arcadia, E. G. Mitchell of Springfield, E. J. Deal of Jack son, J. H. Himmelberger of Cape Girardean, John B. White, R. A. Long and Charles S. Keith of Kansas City, C. L. Whitener of Fredericktown, John H. Hahn of Winona and Congressmen Joseph J. Russell of Charleston and Walter L. Hensley of Farmington.

No Technicalities.

A most important change recon mended by the commission preparing a scheme for new methods of court procedure is that no criminal case shall be reversed except for material and substantial errors, and that all errors by the trial court shall be presumed to be nonprejudicial unless the appellate court affirmatively finds to the contrary.

State Auditor's Clerks Reeign. Ralph Beal and Ernest Boyd, clerks in the office of State Auditor Gordon. have resigned their positions and the auditor appointed A. H. Whitney and

Dec. 19 New Charity Day. Gov. Major announced the postponement of state charity day for the collection of funds for the relief of the

Insured Should Not Pay Tax.

State Superintendent of Insurance Charles G. Revelle ruled that it is contrary to the spirit and letter of the federal act for life insurance companies to require the insured to pay the war tax on insurance premiums

Major Fills Butler Offices. Gov. Major appointed Robert J. Davis as assessor and Carl C. Abbington as collector of Butler county, to jection of countyfill vacancies occa sloned by the rejection of county organization in that county.

Judge W. W. Graves will definitel; announce whether he will be a candi date for governor about Jan. 1, ac cording to those promoting his boom. It is reported that he is the choice of the Major administration for gov-

Flannel Shirted Judge.
Judge A. M. Woodson, soon to be presiding justice of the Missouri supreme court, appeared on the bench clad in a brown figured shirt with collar of the same material.

\$6,500,663, and their loans increased \$6,230,699 between Oct. 21, 1913, and Oct. 31, 1914. This is indicated by a comparison between reports upon th financial conditions of state banks and trust companies compiled by State Bank Commissioner Mitchell for the dates mentioned.

The bulk of the decreases in de posits and resources is in the banks and trust companies of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph. The reports DAMAGING EVIDENCE FOUND 34 COUNTS IN INDICTMENTS show that resources of country banks dropped \$5,176,771, and that their deposits fell off \$10,598,231. Their loans showed an increase of \$3,106,241.

Of the loss in deposits \$4,192,683 was in the state banks and trust companies of St. Louis. These institutions showed a loss of \$1,476,877 in resources and an increase in loans

aggregating \$2,808,347. The total outstanding loans of all state banks and trust companies in Missouri Oct. 31, 1914, was \$298,328,-Oct. 21, 1913, the loans amounted to \$292,098,038. The resources this year were \$460,527,322; last year, \$467,-117.985. The deposits this year were \$318,735,316; last year, \$333,956,865.

Files Inventory. In the complaint of water consumers of St. Louis county against the West St. Louis Water and Light Co., as to excessive rates and in some in stances as to service, the company filed with the public service commis sion an inventory of its property. It gives the value of its holdings at \$3, 011,936.33. This amount covers two or three pieces of property in the city of St. Louis, which the company says

is requisite in its business to house employes. The inventory and statement shows the net earnings of the company for the current year are \$137,870.21, and for last year were \$100,518.62, and gross earnings for 1914 are \$203.158.67. and for 1913, \$158,796.63. The increase in the gross earnings for the current year is \$44,362.04, while the expenses only increased \$7,100.45.

The company has a capital stock of \$1.216,000. The commission has directed its engineers to value the property and to report at the earliest practicable moment, in order that the application filed by consumers for a reduction of

rates may be passed on. Consumers say rates in the county are too high, but there is not so much complaint about the service. Several county towns are among the complainants.

Code Commission Reports.

Judge David H. Harris of Fulton and Breckinridge Long of St. Louis, comprising the subcommittee of the commission appointed by Gov. Major to suggest legislation for the simplification of court procedure, have completed their report.

Their compilation does not include the constitutional amendments to be suggested.

Several thousand suggestions were made to the commission. In general, 15 "omnibus bills" would carry the changes suggested. One hundred and five sections of the criminal code and \$4 sections of the civil code are affected.

An entire revision of the law applicable to changes of venue, so as to simplify the system and not delay trials, is suggested.

The law governing continuances in criminal cases will be amended. An amendment to an existing statute provides that defendants joined in the same indictment or information may be tried jointly or separately, in

the discretion of the judge, Another amendment would provide that conscientious scruples against the death penalty shall not exempt from jury service when the point is waived by the prosecuting attorney.

Fight Stock Disease. A bulletin explaining the diagnosis of the foot and mouth disease in cat tle and the methods that should be taken to prevent and eradicate it, is being prepared for free distribution by Dr. J. W. Connoway, professor of veterinary and comparative medicine of the college of agriculture of the University of Missouri.

Veteran Retires. Newspaper men throughout Missouri will learn with genuine regret that last week marked the severing of journalistic connections in this state for John A. Hannay of Ver sailles, after a continuous service of

First Banner County. Judge C. B. Faris of the supreme court says Pemiscot county was the first to capture the silken banner offered by the late Col. Moses C. Wetmore of St. Louis in 1898 to the banner Democratic county of Missouri.

43 years.

Elks Must Pay Taxes. Division No. 1 of the supreme court affirmed the decision of a circuit court which held that the property of the B. P. O. E. is subject to taxation.

Gas Minimum Proposed. The Laclede Gas Co. of St. Louis will exact a minimum charge of 50 ents a month from its patrons after Jan. 2, 1915, unless the proposed charge is suspended by the public service commission.

Seeks Refunding Loan, H. U. Mudge, president of the Chi-eago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Co., filed with the public service com mission an application to issue first mortgage and refunding bonds to the amount of \$3,500,000.

Reavis to University. Prof. George W. Reavis, rural school spector under the administration of Supt. Evans, will go to the University of Missouri Jan. 1, to take charge of the department of farm clubs, which

is supported by the United States gov-

It is announced that W. N. Laidlaw statistician in the office of State Superintendent of Schools W. P. Evans, after his retirement from office in Jan Warrensburg State Normal School.

## Deposits in state banks and trust companies of Missouri slumped \$15, 221,549, their resources decreased OFFICIALS INDICTED MURDER OF CHILD

INDIANA GRAND JURY CHARGES

FRAUD IN SIGNING PAY

WARRANTS.

Salaries In Excess of Amount Fixed

By Law Said to Have Been Paid

-Speaker of House Among

Men Charged.

Indianapolis, Ind.-Lieut, Gov. Wil-

Ham P. O'Neill, Homer L. Cook,

speaker of the house of the 1913 leg-

islature, who recently took office as

secretary of state and other officers

and members of the patronage com-

mittees of the 1913 legislature were

indicted by the Marion county grand

jury. The indictments charge that

the officials signed warrants for pay

for employes in excess of the amounts

fixed by law and for more employes

Other's indicted were Macon J. Nub-

lack of Vincennes, minute clerk and

parliamentarian of the 1913 house:

the state senate: Douglas Bolser,

Newcastle, principal doorkeeper of

the house; John J. Keegan, Indian-

apolis, representative; George W.

Sands, South Bend, representative;

Samuel N. Quillan, Indianapolis, prin-

cipal clerk of the house of representa-

tives; George M. Rabb, assistant sec-

retary of the senate; Paul C. Hill,

Greencustle, assistant clark of the

house; Wade H. Free, Anderson, sec-

retary of the senate, and George Stell-

horn, Indianapolis, engrossing clerk

Thirty-four counts are contained in

the indictments. All of the indict-

ments alleged that the men named

presented or signed false claims,

which were paid out of the legisla-

tive funds. In only one case is the

man named in the indictment said to

have received the money for which

the alleged false claims were pre-

sented. Stellhorn is the exception.

All of the money alleged to have been

illegally obtained from the legislative

funds was paid to doorkeepers, clerks

Public Lands to Be Opened.

by Secretary Lane opening to home

stead more than 500,000 acres of pub-

lands, which have been determined to

be nonirrigable. After Jan. 11, 1915.

the lands, which are in Oregon, Mon-

tana and New Mexico, may be taken

up in 320 acres each under the en-

Knox Thaw's Lawyer.

Washington.-Philander C. Knox,

former secretary of state, appeared

in the supreme court as an attorney

for Harry K. Thaw, by filing a brief

in behalf of the celebrated defendant,

in opposition to the state of New

Christians Flee Turkey.

Moslem church, Ambassador Morgen-

thau cabled the state department

Oil Confiscated for Army.

Venice, Italy.-The Austrian govern

ment has confiscated the entire out-

finers have been forbidden to supply

oll to the trade. The stocks in the

hands of dealers will be exhausted

Emden Has Successor.

Karlsruhe, which is now the most

famous sea raider since the Emder

has been destroyed is headed for the

North Atlantic, according to passen-

gers of the United Fruit steamer Za-

War Spoils Lobster Market,

the lobster market, Canadian canners

assert, and they have asked the gov

ernment to suspend licenses for a

year so that they may work off sur-

plus stock and give the fisheries of

Russia Buys Air Tanks.

New York.—The Russian govern

ment has purchased here 50,000 55-

gallon airtight steel tanks at a cost

May Adopt Eastern Time.

Chicago.-The Chicago Association

of Commerce has called a meeting of

various interests to consider the ad-

visability of changing Chicago time

from central to eastern, an hour ear-

Republican Committee Has \$17.

tional congressional committee

only \$17 on hand, after receiving

campaign.

Washington.-The Republican na-

Columbus, O.-Judge Foster J. Wil-

gone to recuperate from what was

supposed to be a slight indigestion.

\$16,000 from the salaries of represen

into the treasury.

kin, a justice of the Ohio supre

court, died suddenly at his hor

New Philadelphia, where he

the Atlantic Coast a rest.

Ottawa, Ontario.-War has spoiled

New York.-The German cruiser

within ten days, it is said.

can ports.

put of oll in Austria-Hungary. Re-

Washington, - Christian refugees

Washington.-Orders were issued

of the house.

and stenographers.

larged homestead act.

from New Hampshire.

from Constantinople,

than provided for in the statutes.

SUSPECT WAS IN PRISON FIVE TIMES AND TWICE IN INSANE ASYLUM.

Prisoner, Who Reported Murder of Girl in Belfry of Church, Exhibits No Emotion When Accused of Crime.

Sacramento, Cal.-David Fountain, janitor of the church in which the body of the murdered 10-year-old school girl, Margaret Milling, was found, told the police that he had spent a year and a half in an Iowa insane asylum, and had served five terms in Pensylvania and lowa prisons for burglary and safe robbery. Fountain, who reported the crime,

a siege of vigorous questioning by the police and district attorney he was taciturn and sullen. He was led to the little room under Levi R. Harlin, chief doorkeeper of the belfry of the church, where the murder is believed to have been committed and where the floor still bears

traces of the tragedy. He exhibited

was arrested. When first taken into

custody he talked volubly, but under

no emotion Fountain exhibited a trace of dismay when several bloodspots were pointed out on his trousers. He said he had killed a chicken, but Paul Oehler, son of the pastor, asserted that Fountain had killed a turkey Thanksgiving Day and that blood was spattered on his clothes

Lodz Taken by Germans.

London.-An official telegram from main headquarters received at Berlin and transmitted by way of Amsterdam to Reuter's Telegram Company says that Lodz was occupied by the German troops, the Russians beating a retreat after severe losses.

Lodz, the second city of Poland and lying 75 miles to the west-southwest of Warsaw, has long been an objective point of the German army.

Roumania to Enter War. Geneva, via London.-The Journal de Geneve publishes a dispatch from Bucharest, which says that Roumania has definitely decided to enter the war on the side of the allies. This decision, according to the dispatch, is in accordance with the wish of the entire country, including King Ferdinand and all the Roumanian statesmen.

Siam Royalty Visits New York. New York.-Prince and Princess Kampengpetch of Siam, who are make ing a tour of the world in the interest of education, arrived in New York on board the steamship Minetonk from London, and will spend several days here.

Plans Aid for Unemployed. Philadelphia,-Steps are under way here by the city council's special re-Hef committee to have \$50,000 appro priated for the relief of unemployed who may be in need.

King Decorates Gen. French. London.-During his visit to France King George conferred the order of Merit on Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the continent.

ficial German casualty list brings the losses in killed, wounded and missing \$150,000 Fire at Birmingham. Birmingham, Ala.-Fire destroyed

Copenhagen.-The ninety-first of-

the plant of the Southern Sewer Pipe Company at North Birmingham. loss is estimated at \$150,000. Texas Sowing Wheat Temple, Tex.-Ten carloads of wheat for seed has been sold in this

section as compared with the usual average of three cars. Korea Forbids Oplum Smoking. Seoul, Korea.-The government has suppressed the opium monopoly and put a ban on the smoking of opium, These steps of the government were

advocated by American missionaries. Disease Under Control. Washington.-Officials of the department of agriculture believe the foot and mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by January 1.

Jimines Heads San Domingo, Santo Domingo,-Juan Isrido Jimines was proclamed president of San of approximately \$250,000, to be used Domingo by congress and took oath in constructing pontoon bridges, of office. The situation is quet.

Washington.-Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska will introduce in the senate a bill prohibiting the sale of arms and explosives by American firms to the belligerent powers. Foodstuffs lier than the present time. and clothing will be exempted by the bill.

Swedes Want U. S. Coal London,-The Swedish state railways have invited tenders from the 218 in contributions and expending United States for 180,000 tons of coal, \$36,201 on the recent congressional according to a Stockholm dispatch to the Morning Post.

Baseball Toll for Season, Chicago.-Thirty-five deaths and 918 injuries were caused by baseball during 1914, according to records made public by J. R. Vickery, who has made a study of the effect of the national pastime on the life and health of young America.

Twenty-Ninth Infantry to Panama, Washington.-The 29th infantry will be sent to the Panama Canal zone as part of the perm garrison there, as soon as quarters have been put in readiness.

### HAPPENINGS of the week IN MISSOURI

Reports received from Barry county told of the first outbreak of forest fires in the timber belt of Southern Missouri, Persons arriving at Springfield said that fires on the mountain sides were visible from passenger trains between Cassville and Exeter on the Cassville & Western, and between Exeter and Monett on the-Frisco.

Eight men were injured at Carthage by a boiler explosion at the Atlas mine. The men had just left the building at noon and were barely outside the door when the huge tank shot up through the roof. The plant was badly damaged. All the men, it is believed, will recover.

vada, was killed, his father, George Watson, was probably fatally injured, and John McAninch was seriously hurt five miles east of Nevada, when a concrete bridge from which they were removing the false work caved in on them. The Hickok Block, at Eldon, con-

taining the Haynes general store,

furniture and the Electric

Hickok

Otis Watson, 18 years old, of Ne-

Theatre, burned recently. The loss was about \$10,000, with practically no Insurance. An 11-pound ham, consigned from the postoffice at Rocheport to Pekin, China, was transferred recently in the handling of parcel post business. The ham carried postage to the amount of

cember 20 and is a Christmas gift. The Pettis County Good Roads Association has been organized at Sedalla under the auspices of the Sedalia Boosters' Club, the Pettis County Bureau of Agriculture and the Pettis County Automobile Club,

\$1.42. It will reach Pekin about De-

Bids for 1,700,000 flannel army shirts for the Allied army were submitted by several St. Louis firms to representatives of the British war department recently. It is believed the contract will amount to more than \$2,000,000.

The Webster county court has ap-

pointed Mrs. Bertie Brixey sheriff of

Webster county to fill the vacancy

caused by the death of Sheriff Brixey, who was killed at Niangua by Edgar Bartlett. Amos Whitsett, 84 years old, died at the home of his son, Fred Whitsett, in Lexington, recently. He was born near Greenton, Lafayette county, and

tice of the peace for many years. Clevy Blythe, a 16-year-old farmer boy, was killed near Galena by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of William Craif, 16. The

lived there all his life. He was a jus-

boys were hunting ducks. Edward Hoover a gang foreman at the water plant in Palmyra, was injured recently by a blast and died York's proposal to extradite Thaw a few hours later.

The business men of Harrisonville will give free moving picture shows to the public every Saturday afterare fleeing in large numbers from the | noon. The entertainments will consist interior of Turkey to coast cities of high class comedy and educational since the proclamation of a holy war films, the latter pertaining chiefly to by the Sheik Ul Islam, head of the agriculture.

> A bill calling for the creation of a court of domestic relations with powers not precedented in any similar court is to be presented to the Missouri legislature when it meets in January. J. H. Dintelman, night marshal of

> Kirkwood, shot and killed a man whom he saw prowling near a bank the other night. While cleaning his father's revolver. Charles Prewitt, 15 years old, of

Carthage, was accidentally shot in the stomach. His recovery is doubtful. Anastosios Loizos, who was found living over a cafe near the heart of St. Louis, was pronounced a leper by capa, arriving here from South Ameri- the city bacteriologist in a report to the health commissioner.

> A contract for 100,000 pairs of shoes for the United States navy has been received by a St. Louis firm. The same company is at present manufacturing 100,000 pairs of shoes for the United States army.

Charles J. Harrison, pioneer lumberman of southwest Missouri, is dead at his home in Carthage of heart trouble, He was 70 years old. He had been in business there over fifty years, and took a leading part in the building of the first railroad into southwest Missouri.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Ryan and her son-in-law, Isaac Strickland, were held at Montgomery recently. Strickland was killed by Rex-McHoney, his brotherin-law, after the killing of Mrs. Ryan. Mrs. Ryan was a daughter of Hampton Logan who was killed in battle near Danville during the Civil war.

William Riley Manes, a native of

Pennessee, who had lived in Pettis County since 1871, is dead. He was 69 years old. He served in the federal army in the Civil War.

The citizens of Columbia are circulating a petition calling for an election to vote on a commission form of government. The vote at the last city election was exceptionally light, so those behind the movement will have little trouble in obtaining the necessary per cent of voters.

Congressmen Pay \$16,000 income Tax.
Washington.—The income tax law
caused the deduction of a total of Myrtle, 3-year-old daughter of W. C. Chastain of Carthage, was burned to death recently. During the absence of the mother the child lighted a piece of paper from a fire in the kitchen tatives in congress for the current year. The money will be turned back stove and her clothing was ignited.